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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. CARTER TO VANCOUVER

REF: BARTLETT/LUPPI TELCON OF AUGUST 19

FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON FOUR TOPICS AS REQUESTED:

1. BORDER T.V. COMMERCIAL DELETION.

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CANADIAN POLICY TO DISCOURAGE  
CANADIAN ADVERTISERS FROM PLACING ADS WITH U.S. BORDER TELEVISION  
STATIONS BY DELETING U.S. COMMERCIALS WHEN THE PROGRAMS ARE  
BROUGHT INTO CANADA BY CABLE AND SUBSTITUTING CANADIAN ADS?

ANSWER: THE U.S. WELCOMES THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DECISION MADE  
EARLY THIS YEAR TO HALT FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMERCIAL  
DELETION POLICY.

2. TRANSBORDER SHOPPING.

QUESTION: THOUSANDS OF BRITISH COLUMBIANS SHUN THEIR OWN STORES  
EVERY WEEK TO SHOP ACROSS THE BORDER IN WASHINGTON STATE. WHAT  
DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

ANSWER: WELL, IT'S ESSENTIALLY A MATTER OF THE PRINCIPLE  
OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND EVERYONE SEEKS TO OBTAIN BEST VALUE

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AT LOWEST COST. I BELIEVE IT'S PROBABLY A SMALL PRICE TO PAY  
FOR HAVING A COMPLETELY OPEN AND FREE BORDER BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES. I UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT RECENT CHANGES IN THE  
RELATIVE VALUE OF THE CANADIAN DOLLAR MAY BE REDUCING THE SHOPPING  
EXPEDITIONS.

3. LAND OWNERSHIP.

QUESTION: AMERICANS ARE BUYING UP LARGE AMOUNTS OF RECREATIONAL AND OTHER PROPERTH IN B.C. AND ARE FORCING UP PRICES. DON T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE PROPER FOR US TO TRY TO LIMIT SUCH PURCHASES?

ANSWER: I UNDERSTAND B.C. HAS NO RESTRICTION ON FOREIGN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF PRIVATE LAND. HOWEVER, I AM INFORMED THAT SUCH LAND REPRESENTS ONLY ABOUT SIX PERCENT OF B.C. AND THAT THE SALE OR LEASE OF CROWN LANDS, ABOUT 94 PERCENT OF B.C.'S TOTAL AREA, IS RESTRICTED TO CANADIAN CITIZENZ OR LANDED IMMIGRANTS. CANADIANS, OF COURSE, BUY LARGE NUMBERS OF HOMES AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTY WITHOUT RESTRICTION IN WASHINGTON, HAWAII AND OTHER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

#### 4. COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY.

QUESTION: THE BENEFITS OF THE 1964 COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY WERE LOPSIDED IN FAVOR OF THE U.S. AND WE ARE VIRTUALLY GIVING AWAY OUR WATER RESOURCES TO PROVIDE YOU WITH CHEAP POWER. DON'T YOU THINK THE TREATY SHOULD BE REOPENED IN LIGHT OF THE FIGHER COSTS OF ENERGY TODAY?

ANSWER: THE TREATY PROVISIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER WERE CLOSELY AND CAREFULLY EXAMINED FOR MANY YEARS BY EXPERTS OF BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES PRIOR TO SIGNING. THE TREATY HAS PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER IN TERMS OF ENERGY AND FLOOD CONTROL.

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